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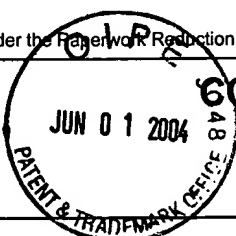
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/447,378 filed on November 23, 1999, entitled LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an International application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

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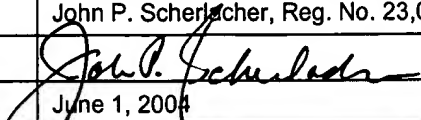
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Ryuji NISHIKAWA

Serial No: 09/447,378

Confirmation No.: 3746

Filed: November 23, 1999

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
DEVICE

Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: Zhi Qiang Qi

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Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for the above-identified application, and in response to the final Office Action of December 29, 2003, it is requested that the remarks set forth below be entered and made of record.

Claims are reflected in the Listing Of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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